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ORORO MUNROE

HAS BEEN A GODDESS, A THIEF, AND A MEMBER OF AND LEADER OF THE X-MEN. WITH HER MUTANT ABILITY TO COMMAND THE WEATHER BOLSTERED BY HER TOP-NOTCH FIGHTING SKILLS, SHE'S A FORMIDABLE POWERHOUSE LIKE NO OTHER. SHE IS...



From appearance to demeanor, STORM's gone through some changes-- and it's affected her role as leader of the X-Men.

Most notably, KITTY PRYDE's unease with the sudden shift has boiled into out-and-out rebellion-- including her own new hairstyle and tattoos. But, unbeknownst to the team, Storm's powers have been acting erratically, culminating in an encounter with a strange creature, who seemingly rescued her from her own storm, leaving her in doubt of her impact on the world.

At the same time, Storm's new friendship with an inventor named TRAVIS is budding into romance. Travis invited the X-Men to a conference for his climate technology. Kitty was grounded, but snuck into the event, only to discover MYSTIQUE masquerading as Travis' business associate.

Meanwhile, LOGAN confronted Travis about his intentions with Storm. Storm overheard and, disgusted at Logan's actions, quit the X-Men!

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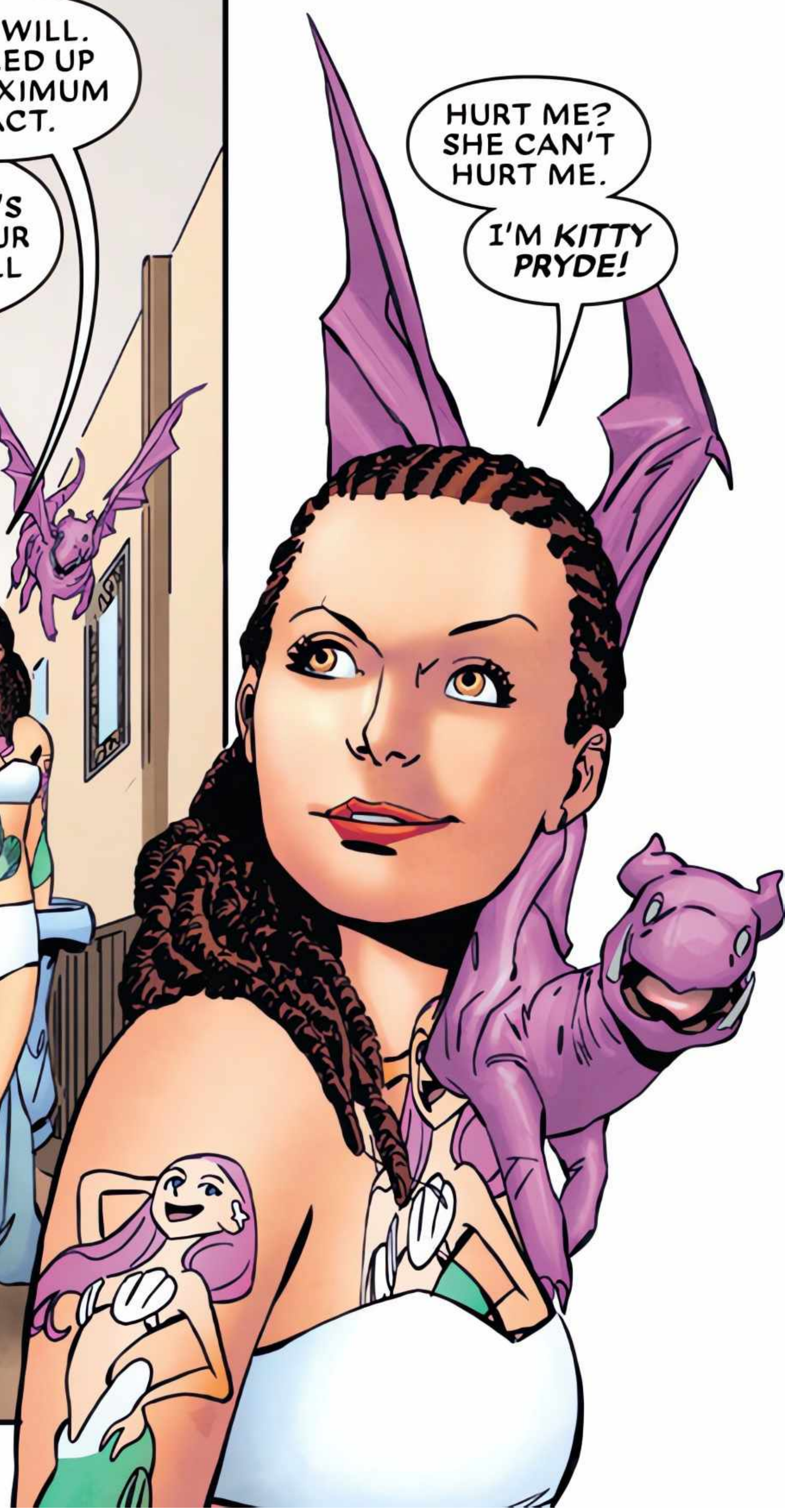
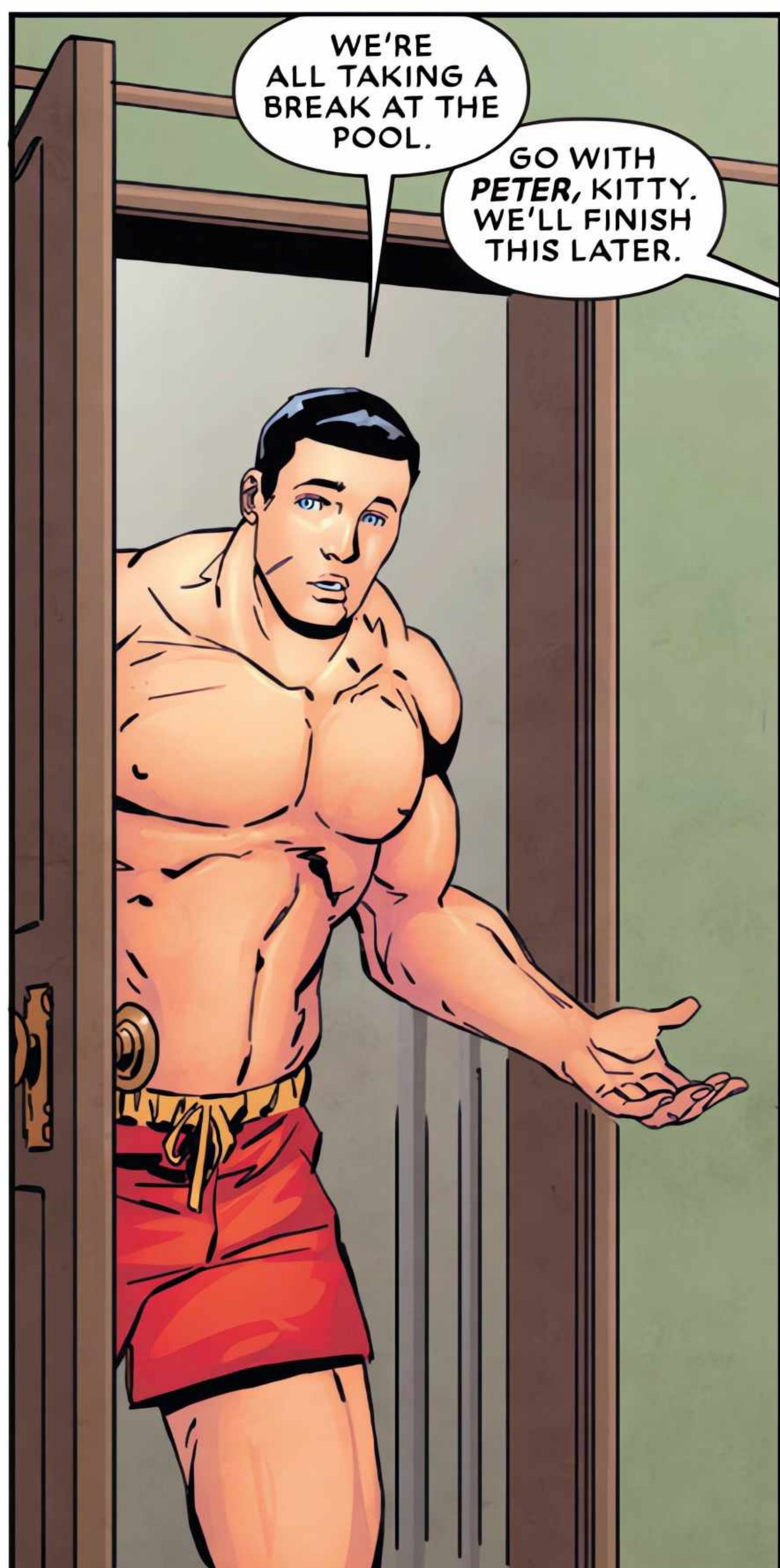
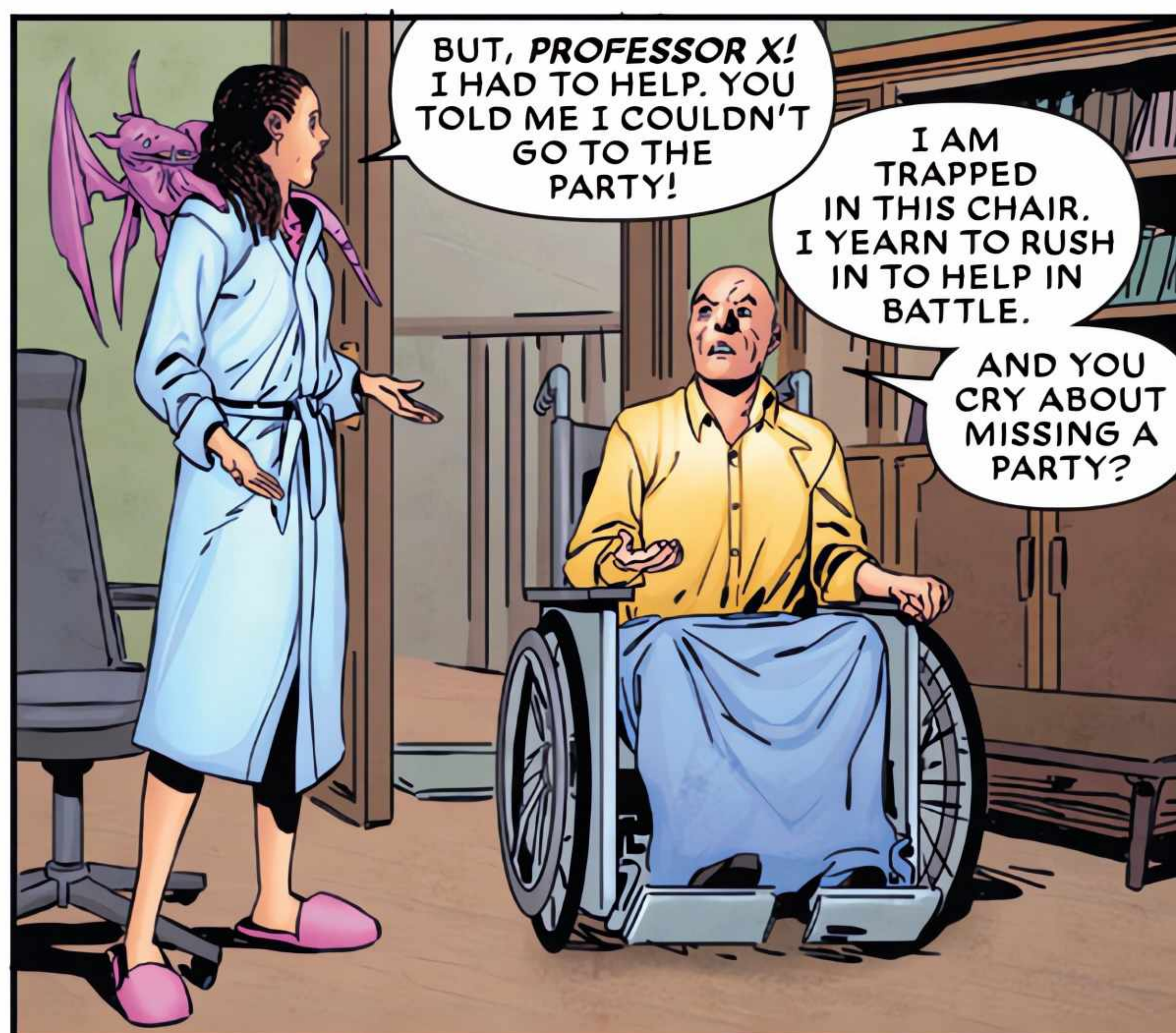
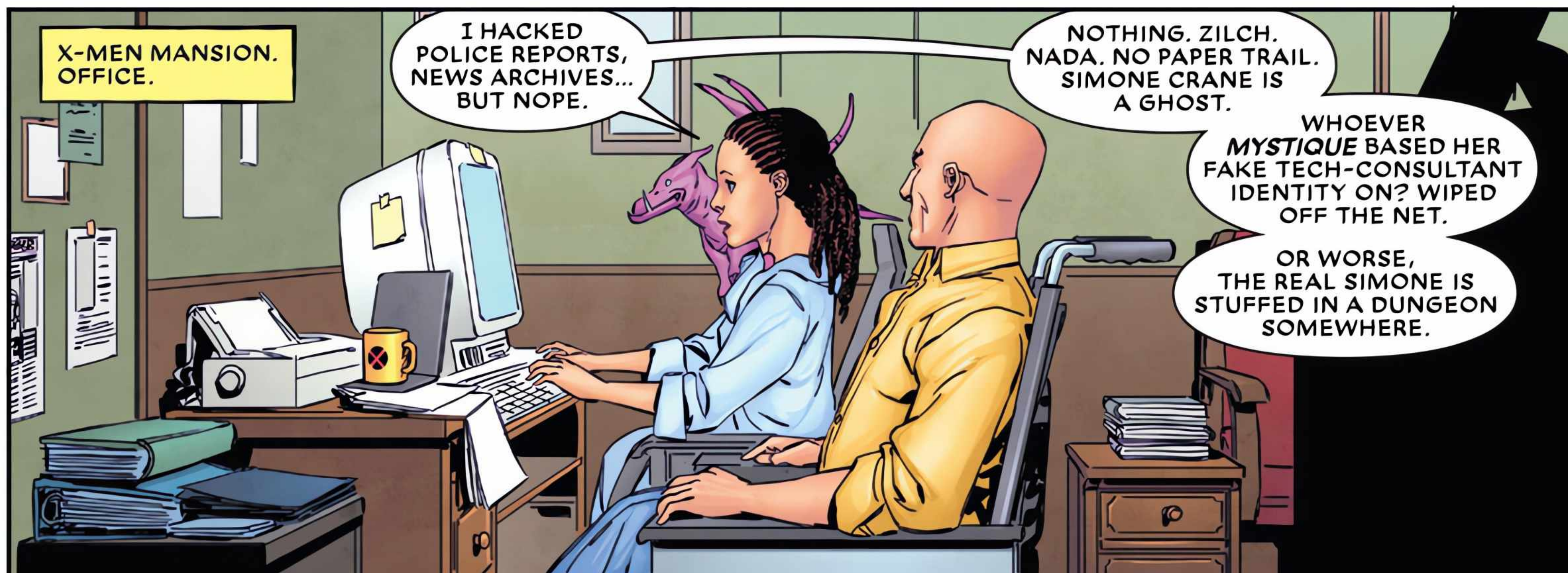
THE CREATURE.
WHAT DOES IT
WANT FROM ME?

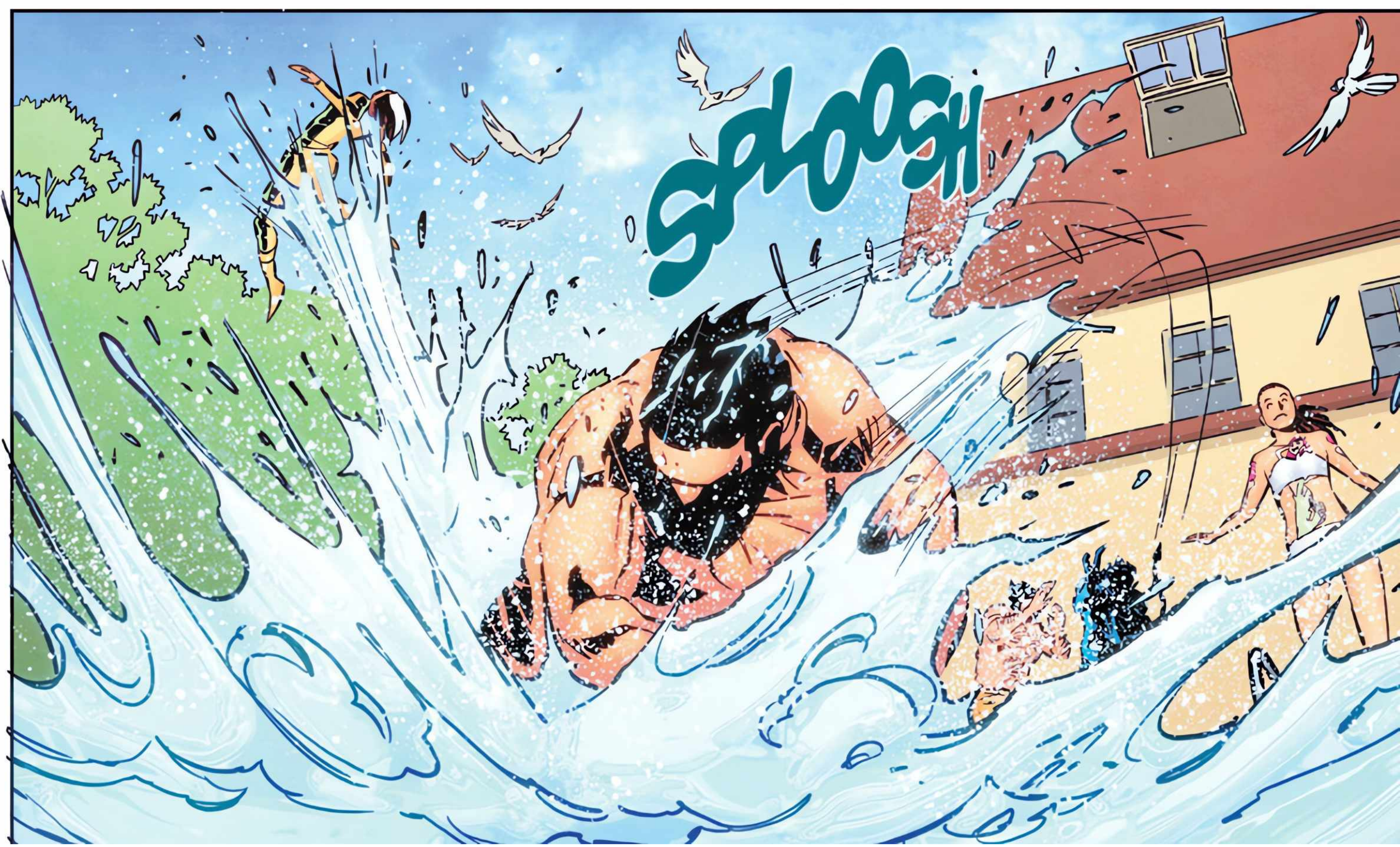
AS WE BATTLED,
IT HOWLED AS IF
TRAPPED. YET IT
APPEARS TO BE FREE.

I FEEL SO MUCH JOY
WHEN I RIDE THE WIND.
THE CREATURE SEEMS TO
HAVE THE SAME POWERS
AS I DO, BUT FINDS NO
JOY IN IT. IT'S IN AGONY.

EVEN NOW, I CAN
HEAR ITS CRY IN
THE WIND. A CRY
FOR HELP?

AND *MYSTIQUE*. SHE'S UP
TO SOMETHING, BUT WHAT?
WHAT AM I MISSING? I'M
FALLING IN LOVE WITH TRAVIS.
IS IT CLOUDING MY MIND?







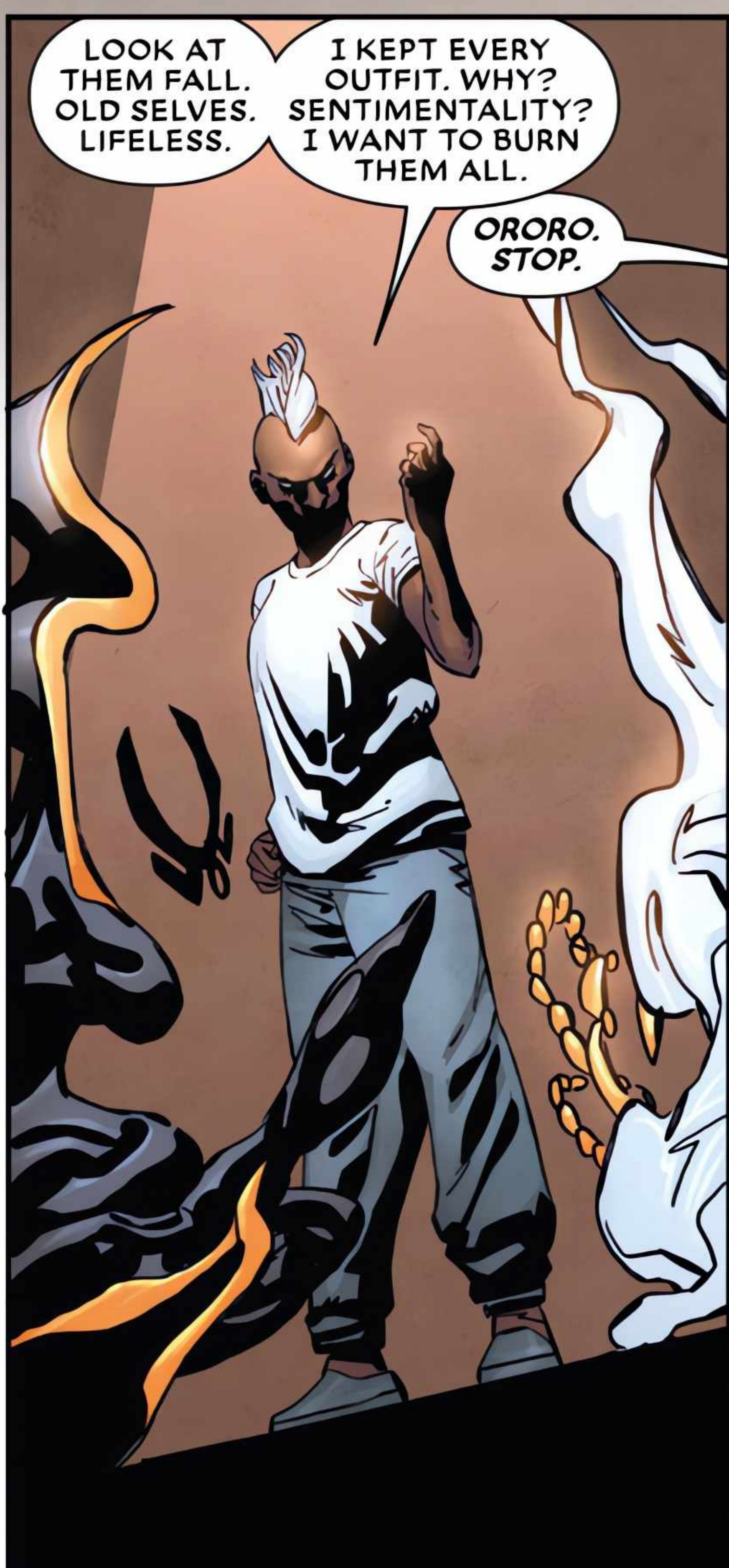
THEY'RE HAVING A BLAST DOWN THERE, CHARLES. I CAN'T MOPE AROUND ANYMORE.

TIME TO PULL THE TRIGGER. DO WHAT I HAVE TO DO, AND OWN IT.



YOU STOPPED WATERING YOUR PLANTS. THEY'RE DYING. AS A CREATURE OF NATURE YOURSELF, IT SEEMS CRUEL.

CREATURE OF NATURE? WHO KNOWS WHAT I AM? GODDESS? WIND-RIDER?



LOOK AT THEM FALL. OLD SELVES. LIFELESS.

I KEPT EVERY OUTFIT. WHY? SENTIMENTALITY? I WANT TO BURN THEM ALL.

ORORO. STOP.



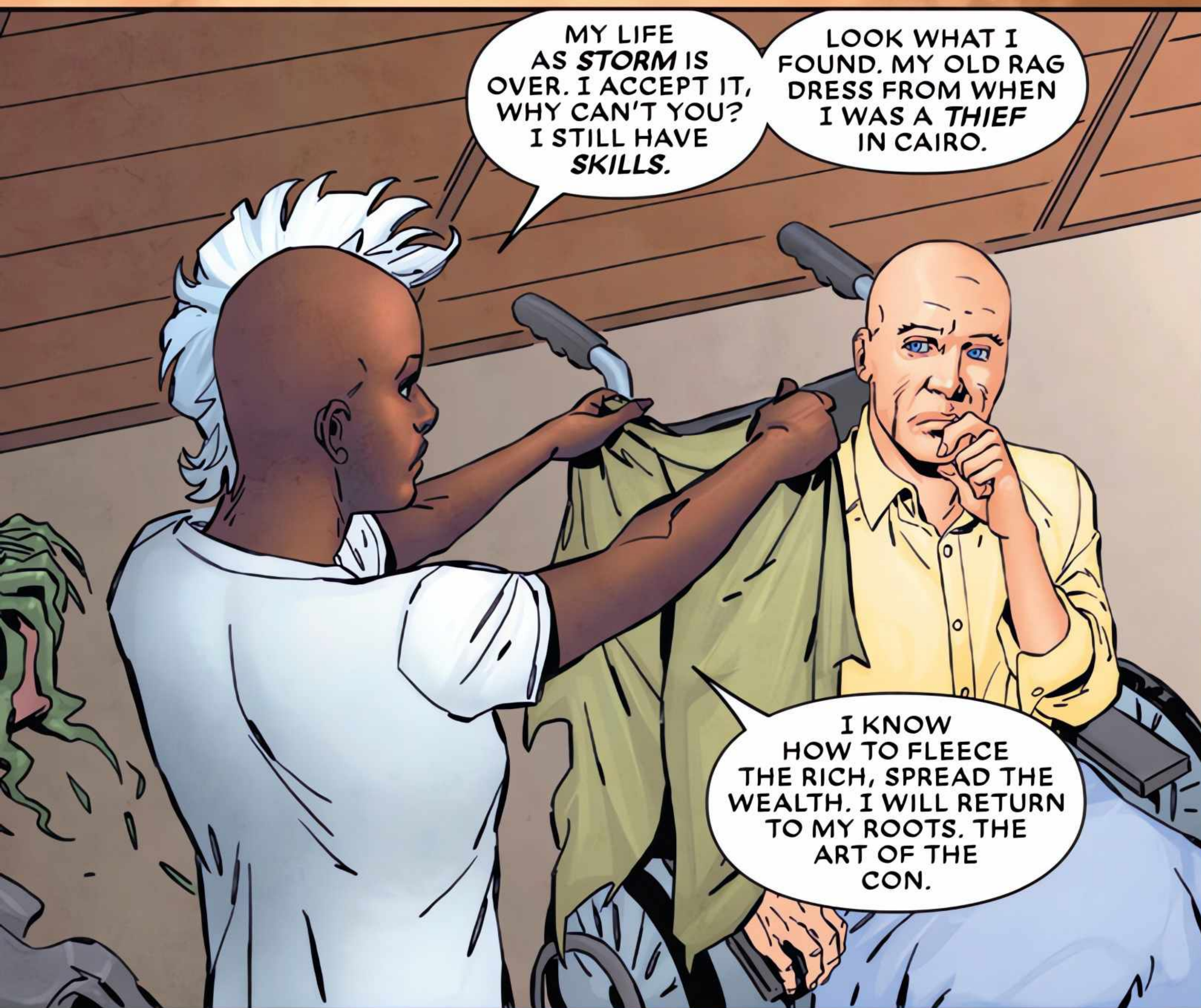
THE FIRST TIME YOU CONJURED A THUNDERSTORM, I MONITORED INTERNATIONAL WEATHER FOR REPERCUSSIONS.

YOUR PULL ON WEATHER DISSIPATES INTO ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS FAR ABOVE EARTH.



YOU KNOW THE WHIMS OF WEATHER BETTER THAN I? A CREATURE OF THE WIND, AN ENTITY OF LIGHTNING?

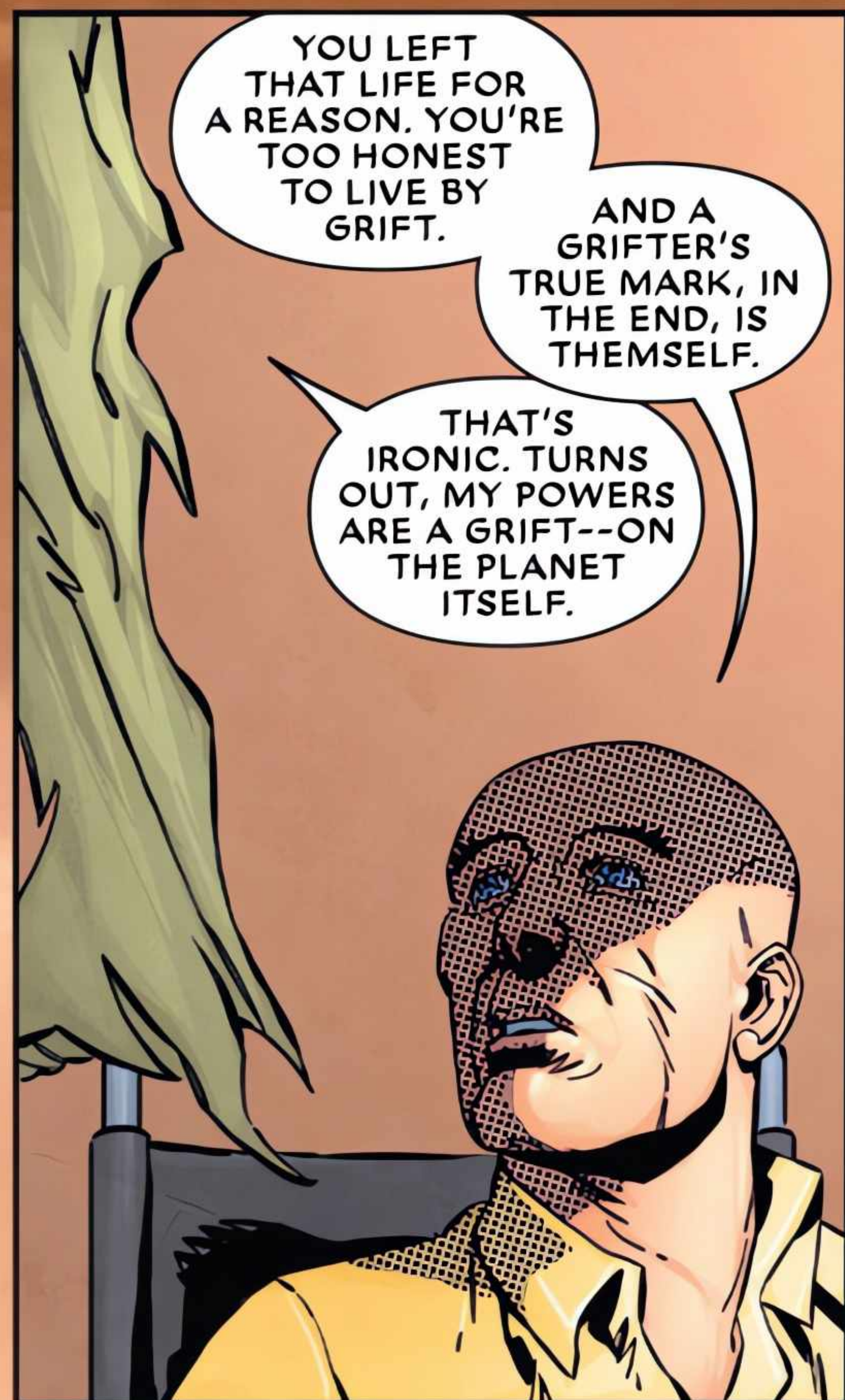
MY POWERS ARE MUTATING IN DANGEROUS WAYS. I WILL NOT RISK RAVAGING THE PLANET I LOVE.



MY LIFE AS **STORM** IS OVER. I ACCEPT IT, WHY CAN'T YOU? I STILL HAVE **SKILLS**.

LOOK WHAT I FOUND. MY OLD RAG DRESS FROM WHEN I WAS A **THIEF** IN CAIRO.

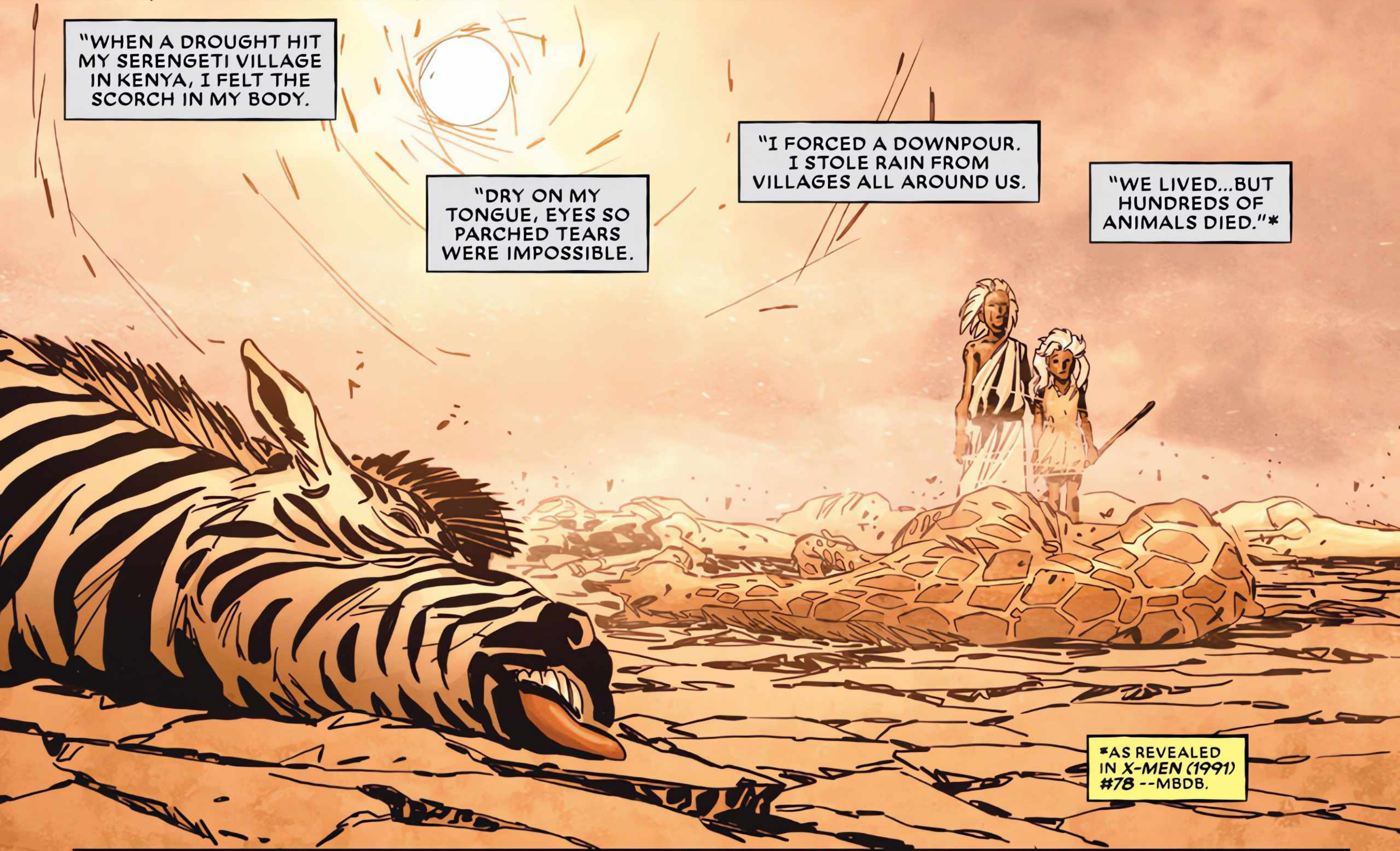
I KNOW HOW TO FLEECE THE RICH, SPREAD THE WEALTH. I WILL RETURN TO MY ROOTS. THE ART OF THE CON.



YOU LEFT THAT LIFE FOR A REASON. YOU'RE TOO HONEST TO LIVE BY GRIFT.

AND A GRIFTER'S TRUE MARK, IN THE END, IS THEMSELVES.

THAT'S IRONIC. TURNS OUT, MY POWERS ARE A GRIFT--ON THE PLANET ITSELF.



"WHEN A DROUGHT HIT MY SERENGETI VILLAGE IN KENYA, I FELT THE SCORCH IN MY BODY.

"DRY ON MY TONGUE, EYES SO PARCHED TEARS WERE IMPOSSIBLE.

"I FORCED A DOWNPOUR. I STOLE RAIN FROM VILLAGES ALL AROUND US.

"WE LIVED...BUT HUNDREDS OF ANIMALS DIED."*

*AS REVEALED IN X-MEN (1991) #78 --MBDB.



NATURE'S BLESSED CREATURES. I KILLED THEM.

AND THEN YOU TRAINED WITH THE GREAT SORCERESS **AINET**.

YOU LEARNED HOW TO DRAW WATER FROM THE OCEAN ITSELF AND REDISTRIBUTE MOISTURE ON A GLOBAL SCALE.



WHY FIGHT ME ON THIS, CHARLES? **TRAVIS** IS HELPING ME.

HE'S USING HIS **NEOTEK** TO ANALYZE FLAWS IN MY POWERS.

"I WAS **WORSHIPPED** FOR MY POWERS.



"YOU SAY BEING A THIEF WILL CHANGE ME IN DARK WAYS? SO DID BEING A '**GODDESS**'. IT MADE ME **ARROGANT**."

"I ONCE MET **T'CHALLA**. THE **BLACK PANTHER**. I COULD HAVE GONE TO **WAKANDA**."



I DIDN'T. THAT WAS A MISSTEP.

THE ROAD OF LIFE HIT A FORK THAT DAY. YOU SWEEPED ME TO NEW YORK WHEN I WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW MY TRUE PATH.

WHY DID YOU LURE ME AWAY FROM AFRICA?



I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, ORORO. ...

I'LL HOLD YOUR CROWN SAFE FOR YOU.

I HOPE YOU WILL RETURN FOR IT.



CAN YOU KEEP THIS OUR SECRET? ABOUT MY POWERS?

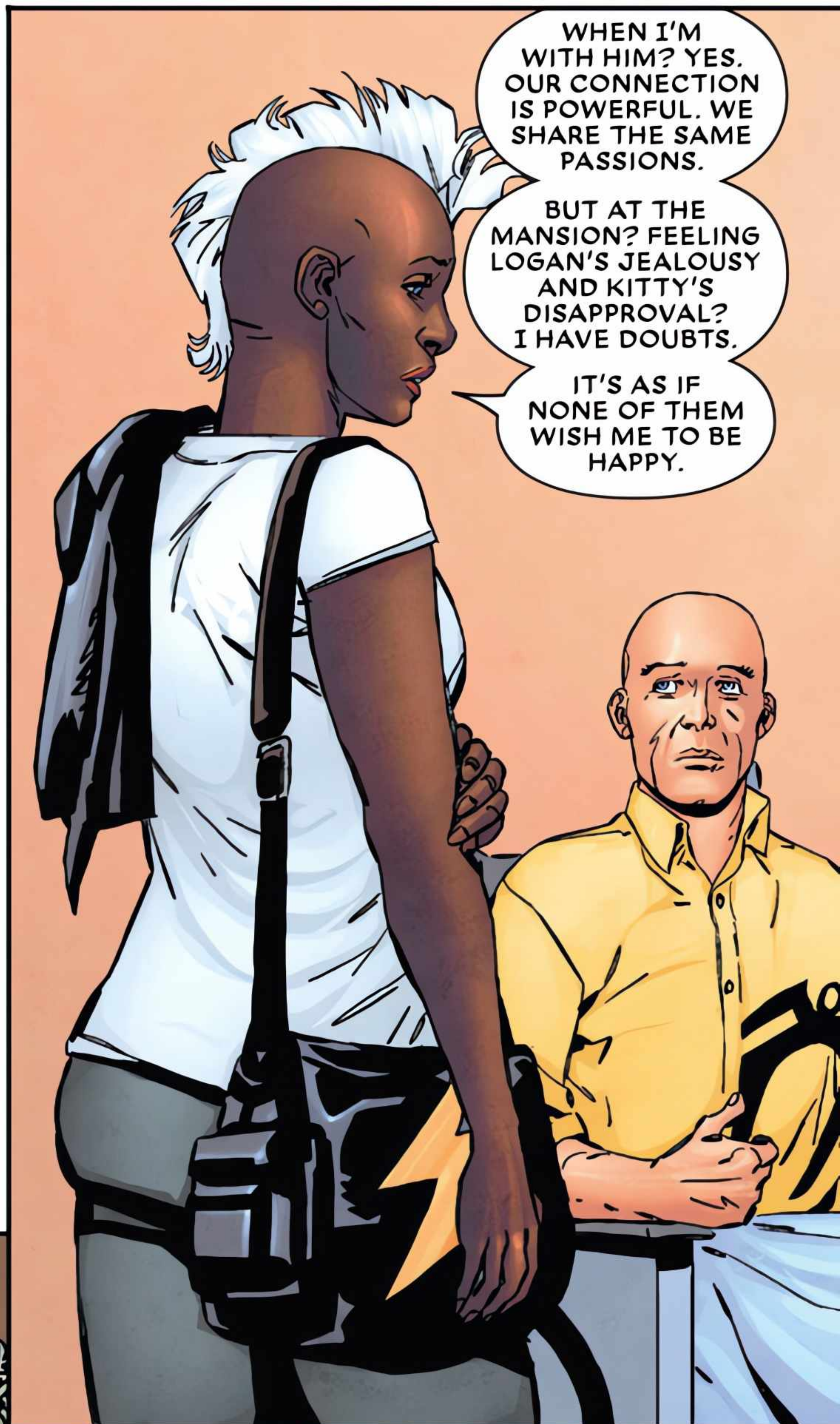
I WILL TRY, BUT THE OTHERS KNOW SOMETHING IS AMISS.

AND THE WEATHER ENTITY I TOLD YOU ABOUT?



IF IT IS IN AS MUCH TURMOIL AS YOU SAY, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE IT.

ORORO. DO YOU LOVE TRAVIS?



WHEN I'M WITH HIM? YES. OUR CONNECTION IS POWERFUL. WE SHARE THE SAME PASSIONS.

BUT AT THE MANSION? FEELING LOGAN'S JEALOUSY AND KITTY'S DISAPPROVAL? I HAVE DOUBTS.

IT'S AS IF NONE OF THEM WISH ME TO BE HAPPY.



JOIN THE OTHERS AT THE POOL BEFORE YOU GO. MAKE PEACE WITH KITTY.

WHY? HER NEW TATTOO, THOSE BRAIDS? IT REPRESENTS AN UNACCEPTABLE REBELLION AGAINST ME.



LOGAN HAS TO STEP UP TO LEAD THE TEAM. HE WON'T LIKE IT.

I CANNOT HAVE KITTY IN CRISIS TOO. SHE'S A CHILD. YOU'RE AN ADULT.

TAKE THE HIGH ROAD, STORM.





KITTY,
HOW LONG ARE
YOU GOING TO
STAY ANGRY AT
STORM OVER A
HAIRCUT?

THAT'S
NOT THE POINT.
TRUST IS THE
POINT.



TRAVIS SEEMS
LIKE A COOL DUDE.
WHY DON'T YOU
LIKE HIM?

SURE YOU'RE
NOT BEING A BIT
OVERPROTECTIVE,
MEIN FREUND?



REMIND
ME TO NEVER
BRING A DATE
HOME.

YA'LL ARE
MEANER THAN
A RATTLESNAKE
CROSSIN' A HOT
HIGHWAY.

TRAVIS
IS A SMOKE
SHOW.

QUIET,
ROGUE,
SHE'S--

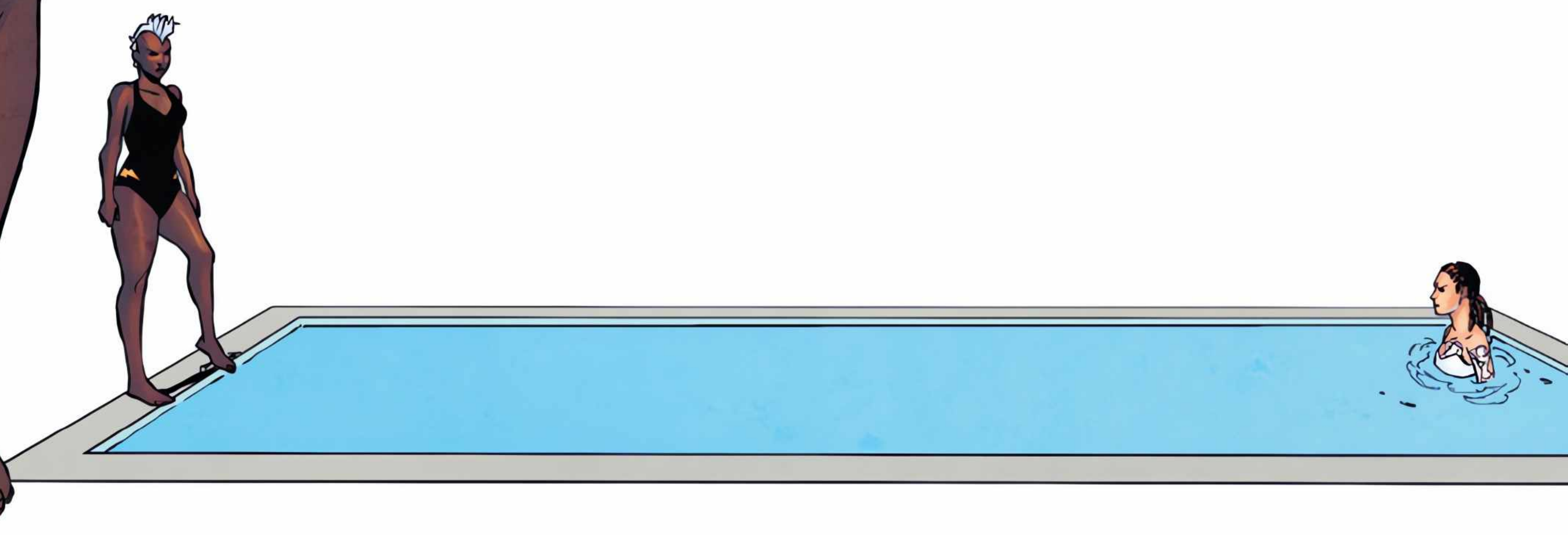
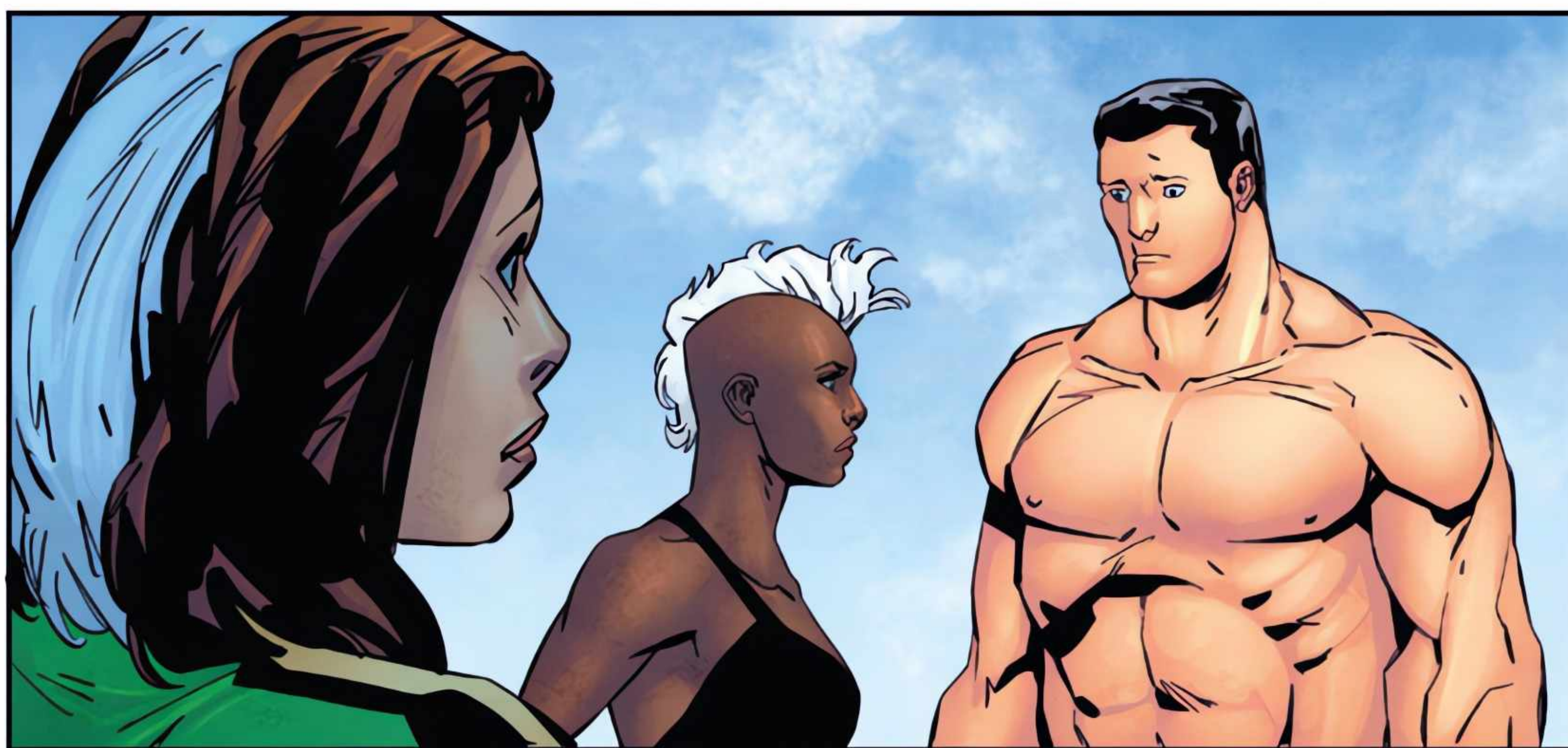
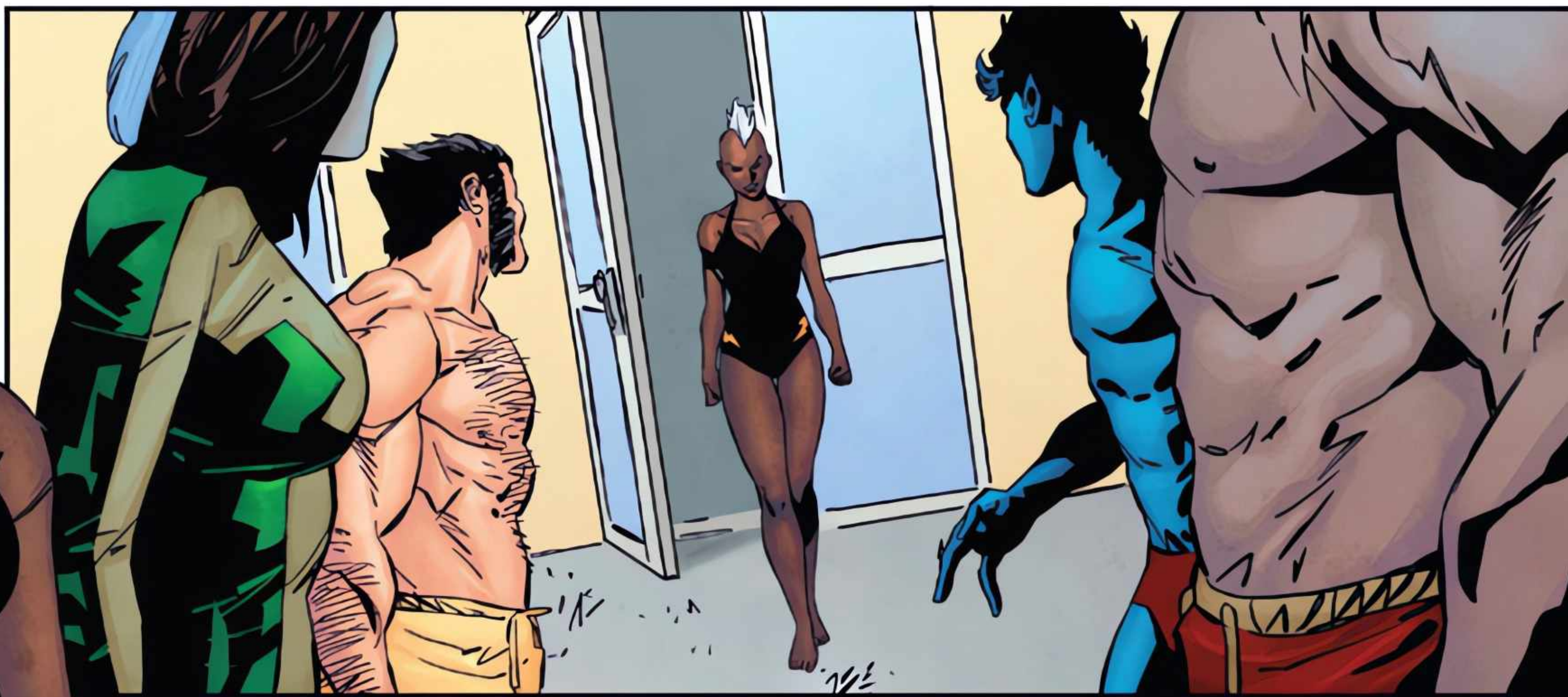
AH'D SURE
LIKE TO TAKE
THE GLOVES
OFF--

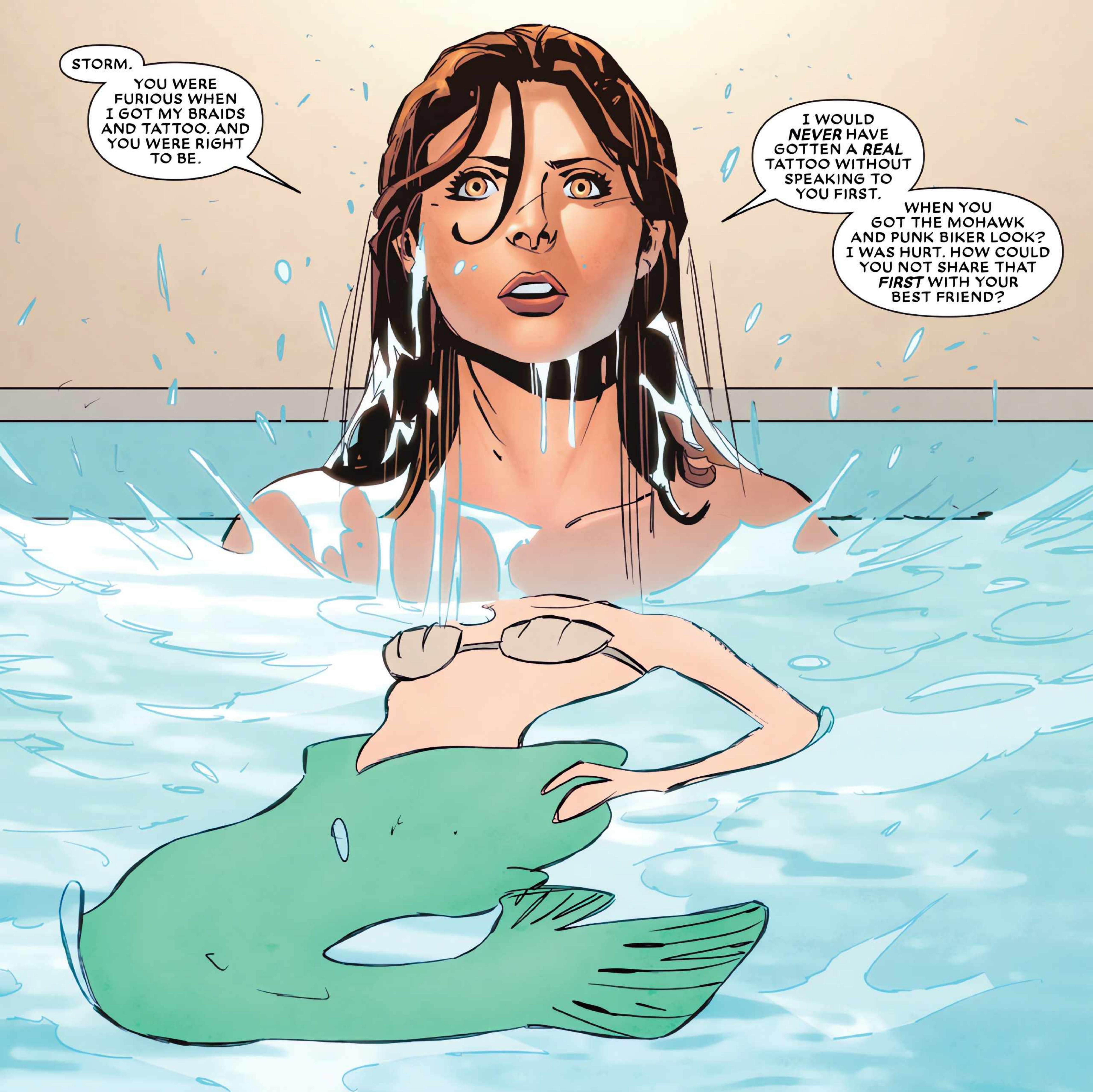


DO I REALLY
NEED TO SAY IT,
ROGUE? HANDS
OFF.

AH DIDN'T
MEAN IT,
STORM!

YA'LL KNOW
I CAN'T EVER
TOUCH ANYONE
EVER...



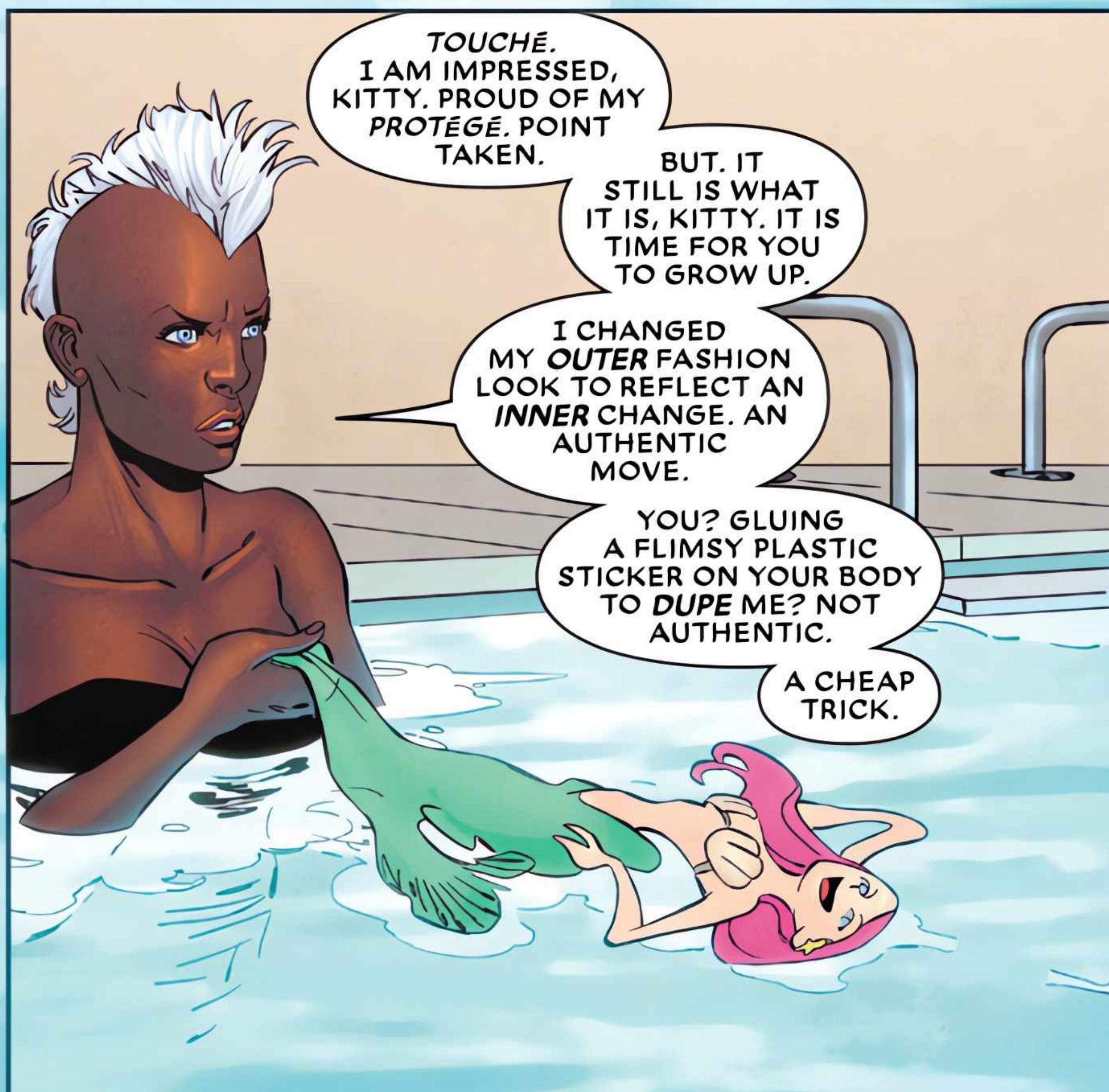


STORM.

YOU WERE FURIOUS WHEN I GOT MY BRAIDS AND TATTOO. AND YOU WERE RIGHT TO BE.

I WOULD **NEVER** HAVE GOTTEN A **REAL** TATTOO WITHOUT SPEAKING TO YOU FIRST.

WHEN YOU GOT THE MOHAWK AND PUNK BIKER LOOK? I WAS HURT. HOW COULD YOU NOT SHARE THAT **FIRST** WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND?



TOUCHÉ. I AM IMPRESSED, KITTY. PROUD OF MY PROTÉGÉ. POINT TAKEN.

BUT. IT STILL IS WHAT IT IS, KITTY. IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO GROW UP.

I CHANGED MY **OUTER** FASHION LOOK TO REFLECT AN **INNER** CHANGE. AN AUTHENTIC MOVE.

YOU? GLUING A FLIMSY PLASTIC STICKER ON YOUR BODY TO **DUPE** ME? NOT AUTHENTIC.

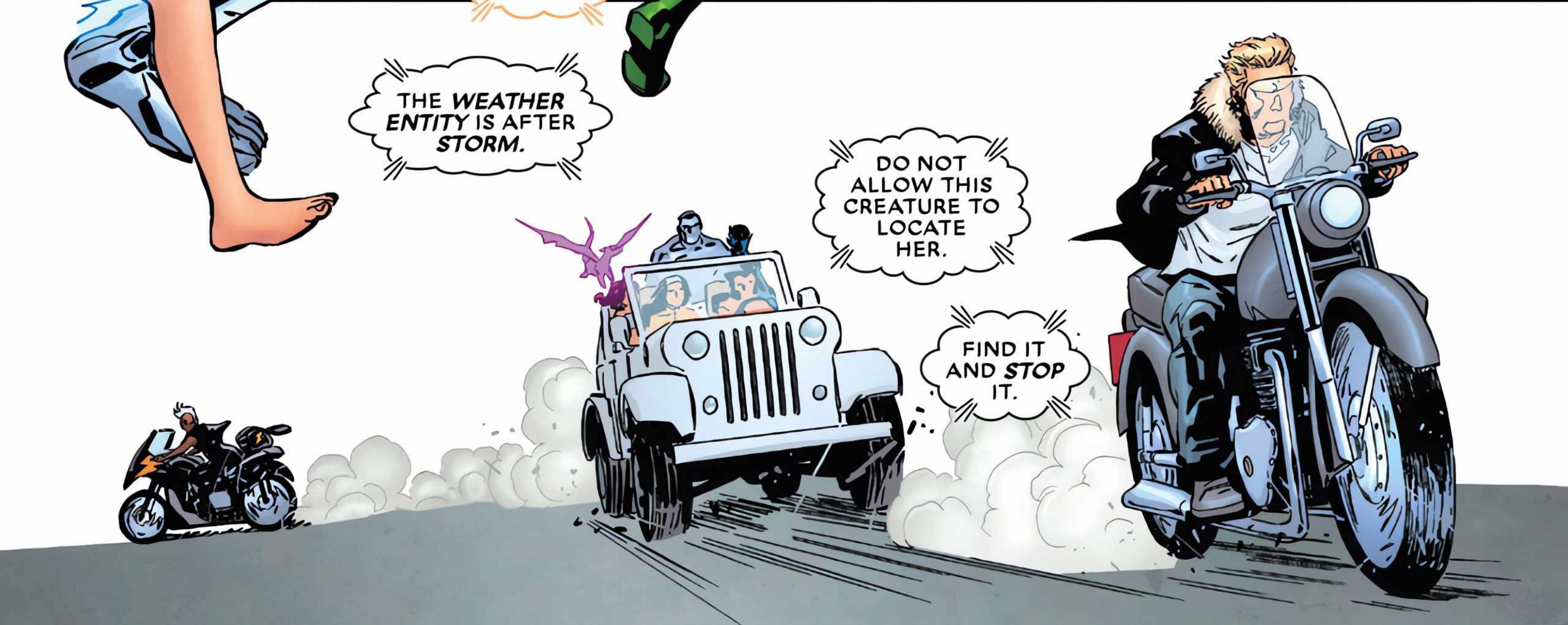
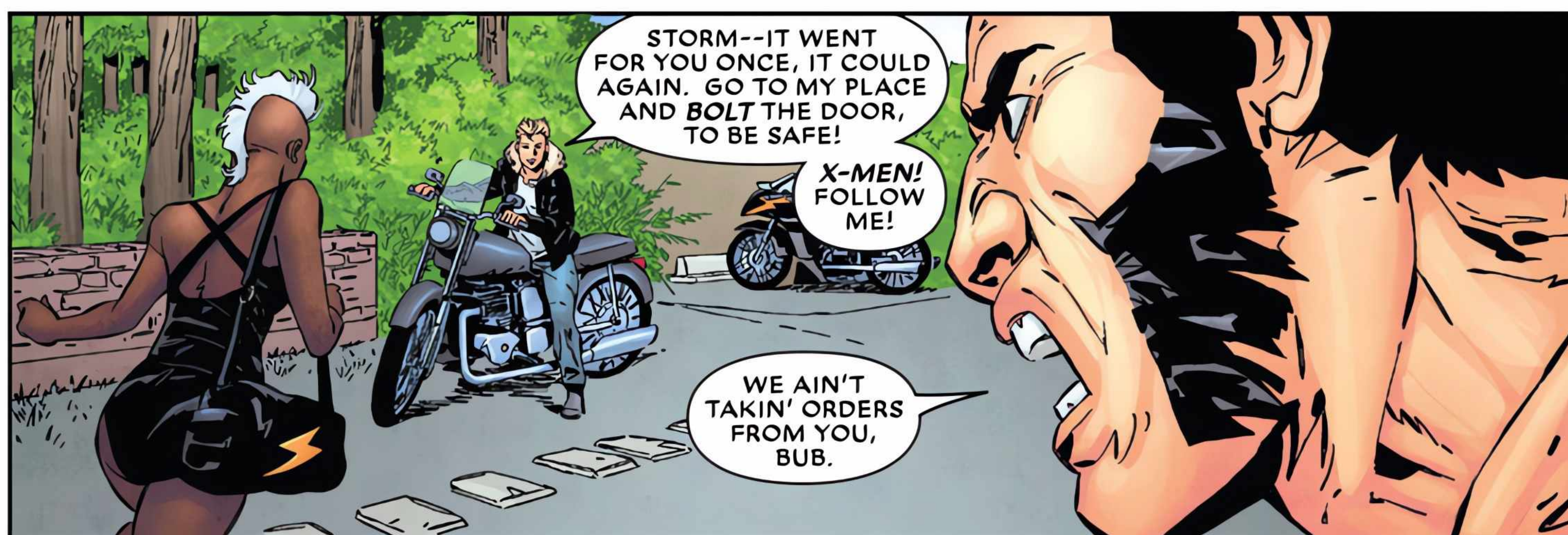
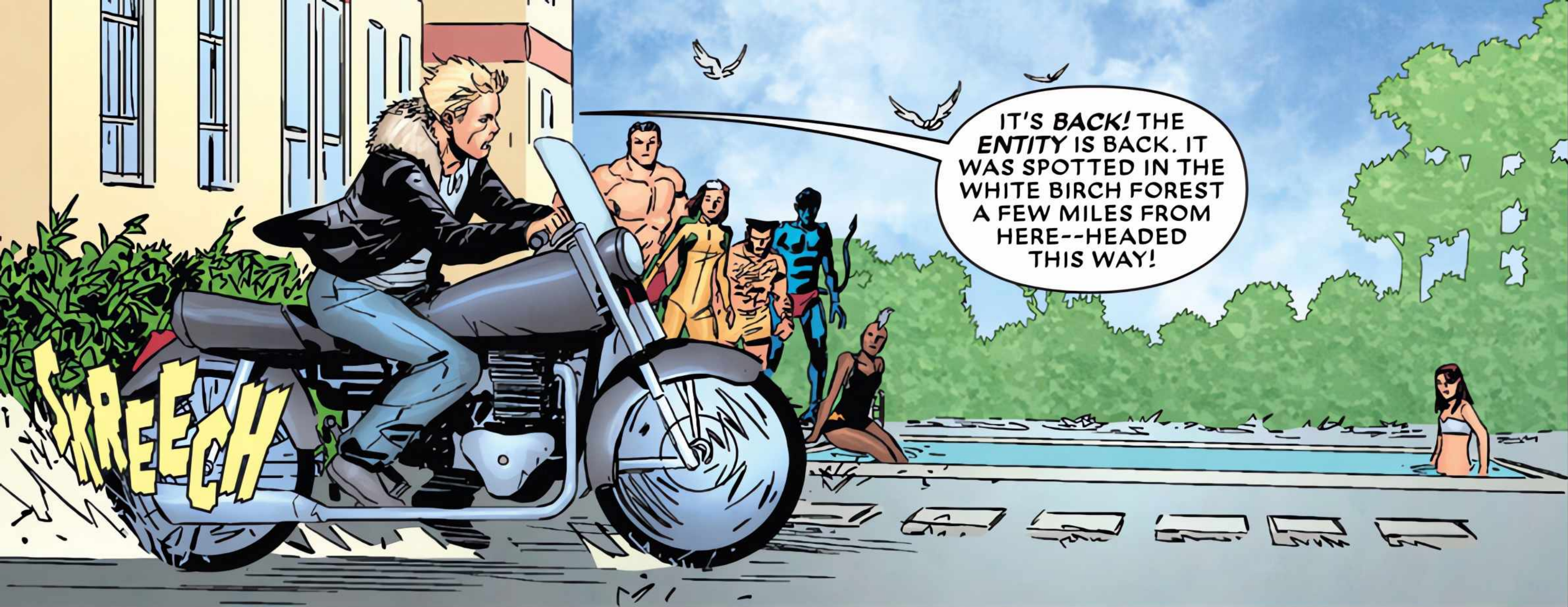
A CHEAP TRICK.



HOW CAN YOU BE SO COLD? WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH YOU?

YOU'RE FULL OF **SECRETS**. STRANGE MOODS.

WHY CAN'T YOU **SHARE** WITH ME LIKE YOU USED TO?





WOLVERINE?
WHAT'S THE PLAN,
BOSS?

XAVIER'S
THE LONG-GAME
CHESS PLAYER.
OPENING GAMBITS ARE
STORM'S STYLE.
MY STYLE?



JUST GET
ANGRY, HOWL
LIKE COMMANDOS,
AND ATTACK HIGH,
LOW AND SIDE-
WAYS.

NO MORE
PULLIN' MAH
PUNCHES?

NOPE.

PAARTAY!

SNIKT







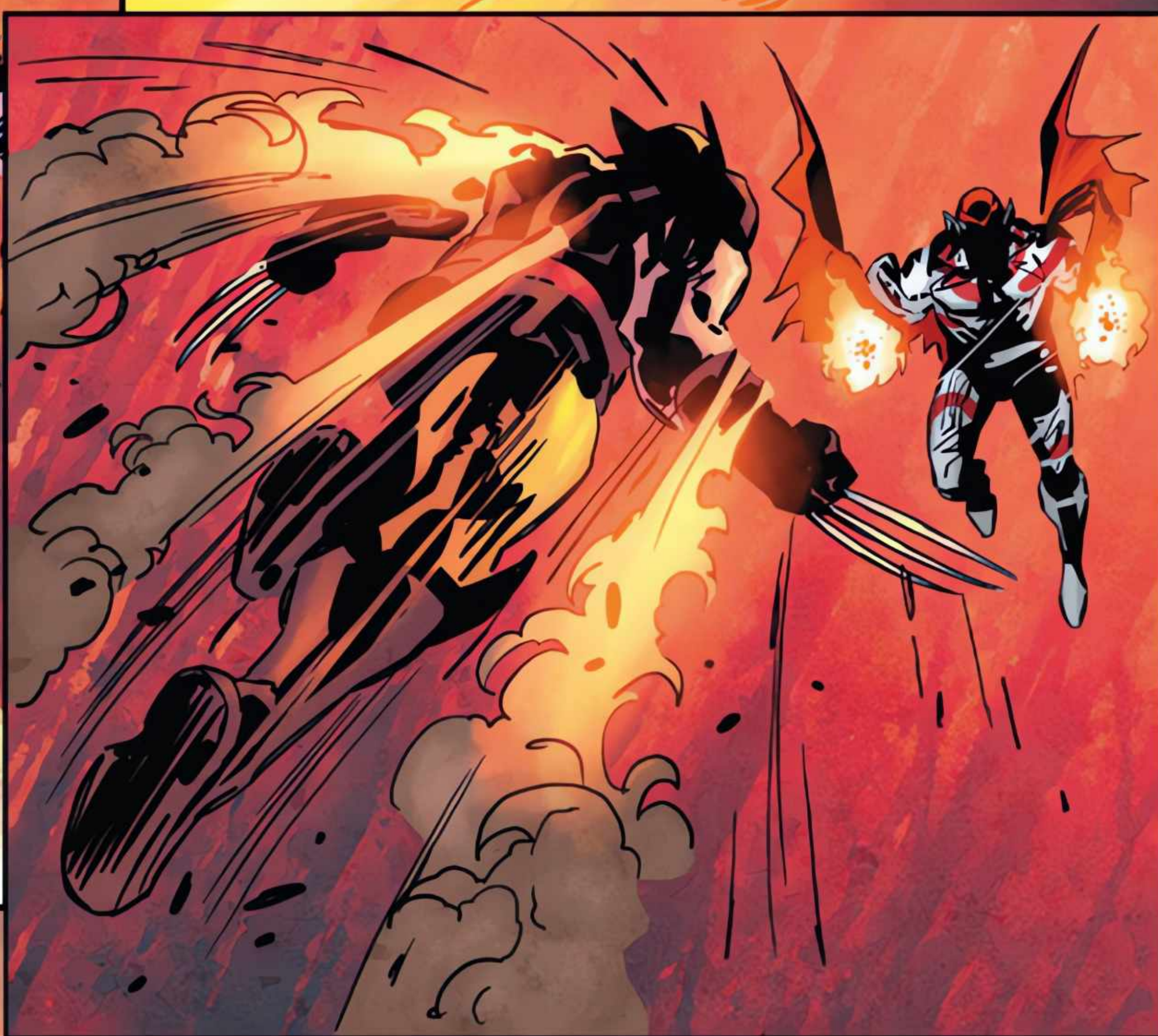
I KNOW
PROFESSOR X
WANTED TO KEEP
STORM AND THIS
THING APART...

GET BEHIND
ME! I'LL BLOCK
THE FIRE!

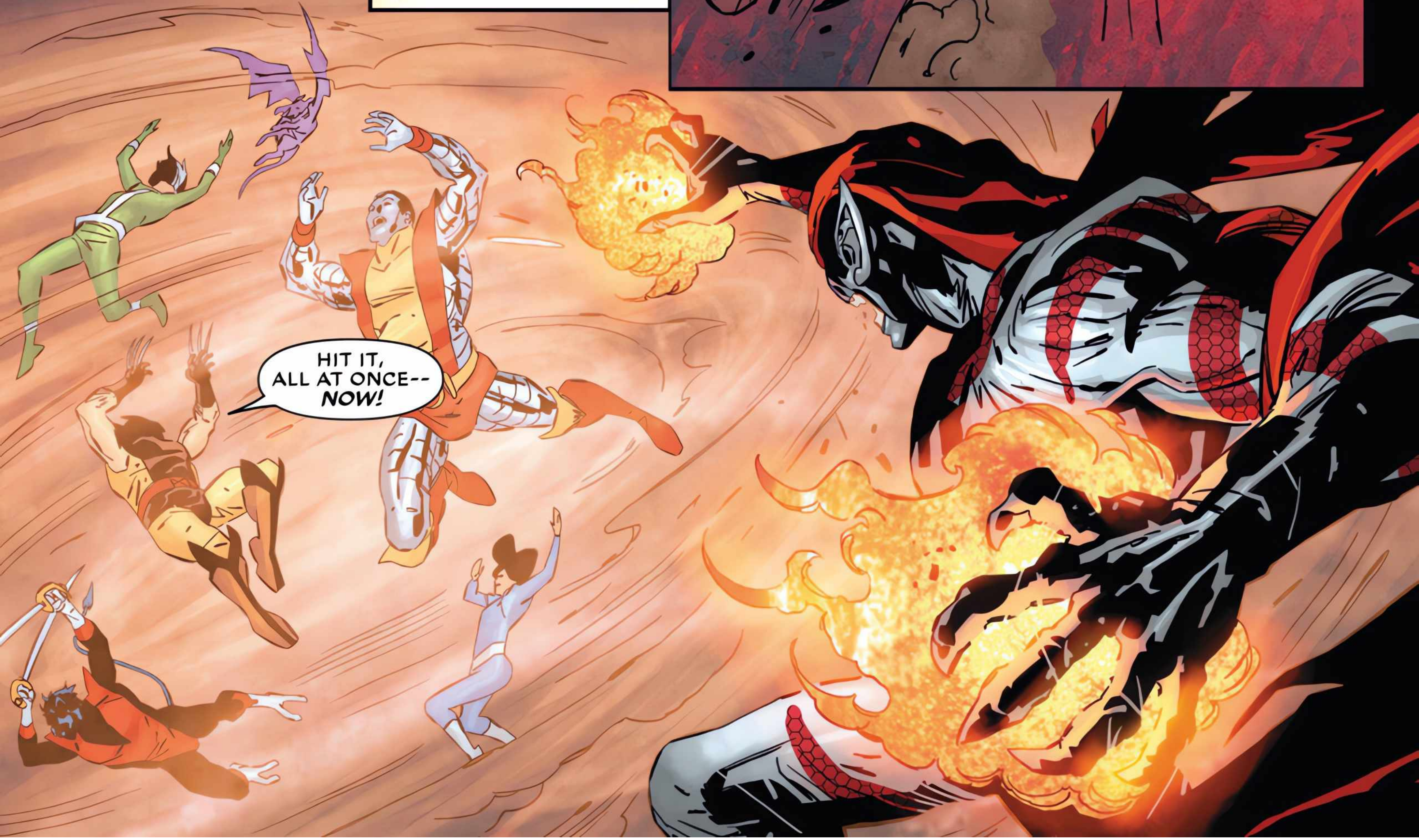
...BUT
I COULD SURE
USE ONE'A STORM'S
DOWNPOURS
'BOUT NOW.

LET ME
TRY TALKING
TO IT!

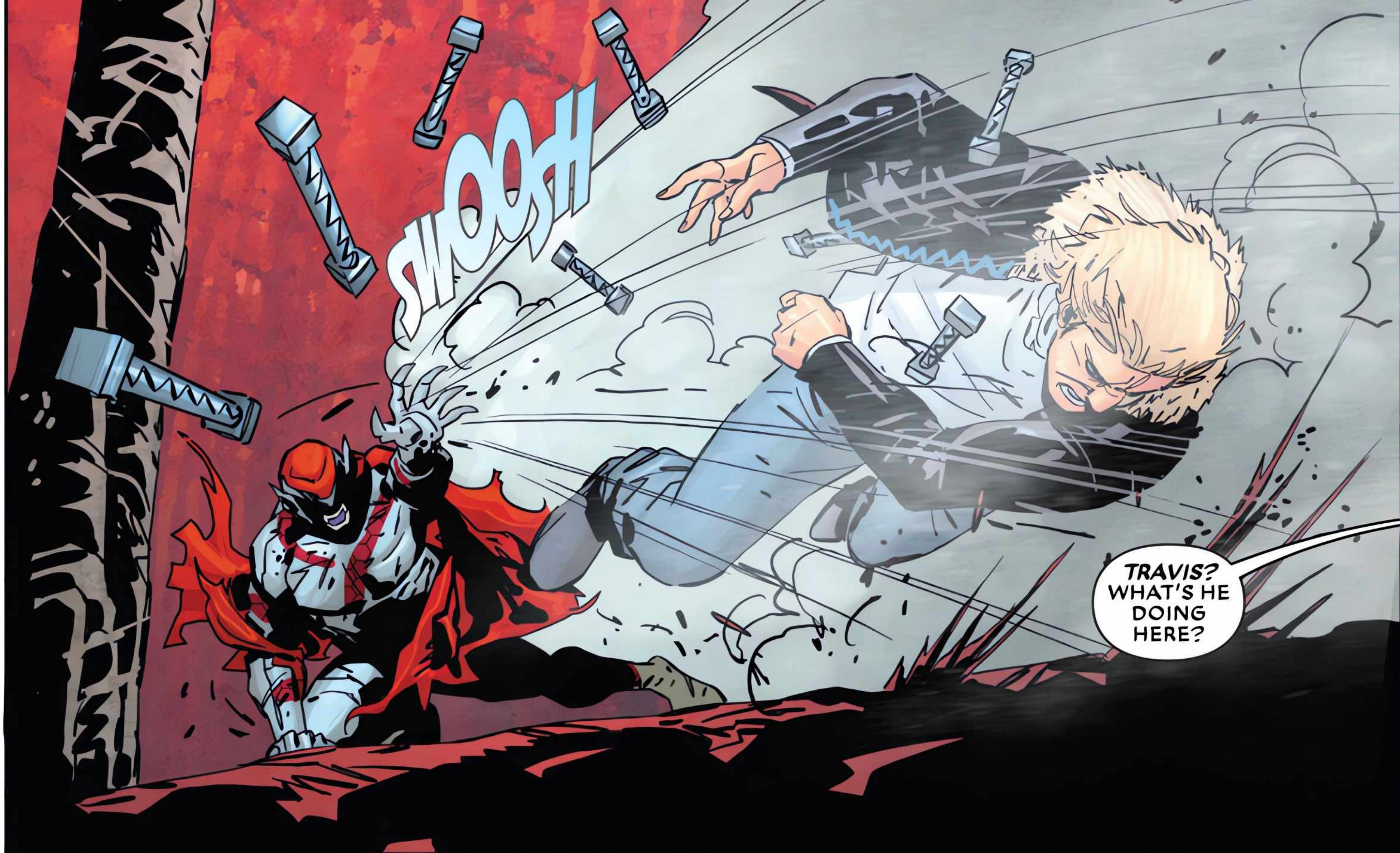
FINE, *SHADOWCAT*,
BUT FIRST, WE NEED
TO **POUND** IT INTO
SUBMISSION!



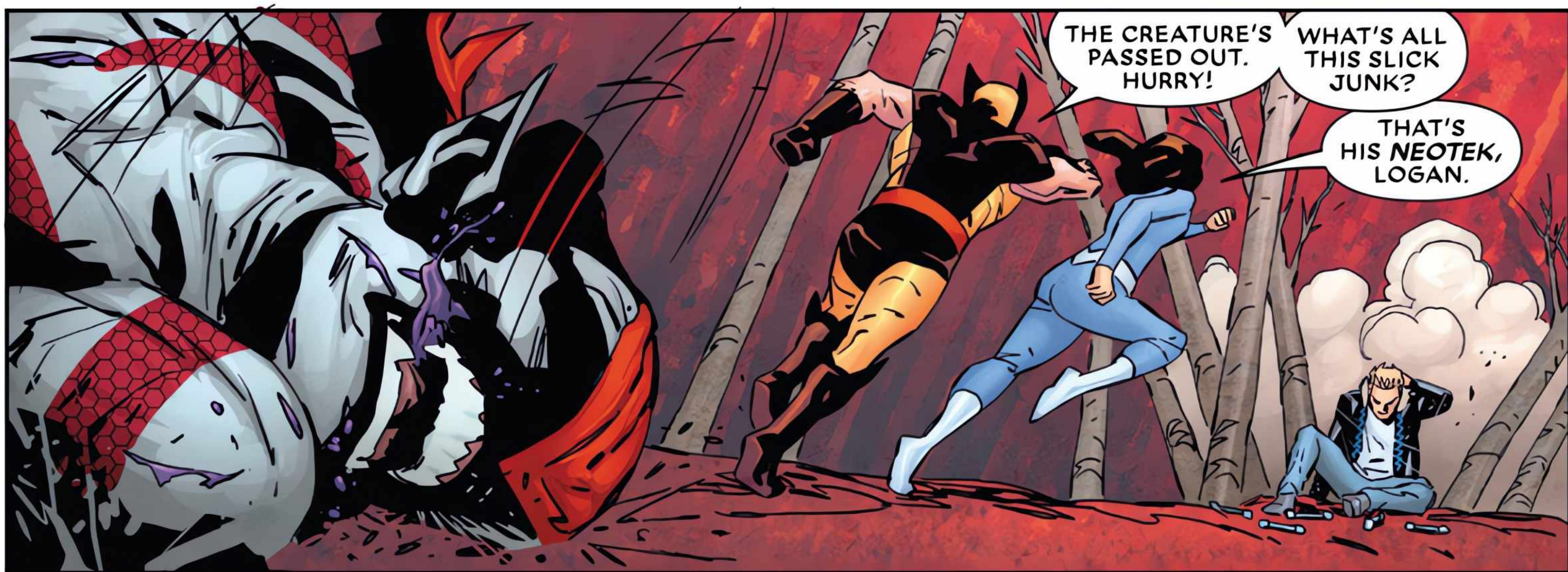
HIT IT,
ALL AT ONCE--
NOW!







TRAVIS?
WHAT'S HE
DOING
HERE?



THE CREATURE'S
PASSED OUT.
HURRY!

WHAT'S ALL
THIS SLICK
JUNK?

THAT'S
HIS NEOTEK,
LOGAN.



GET OUT OF
HERE, BUB. YOU'RE
A LIABILITY IN A
FIGHT.

SORRY!
I WANTED
TO ANALYZE THE
CREATURE TO GET
DATA TO HELP
STORM.

THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
HELP, TRAVIS, BUT
LOGAN'S RIGHT--
RUN.



YEAH,
RUN, YOU
COWARD.

TRAVIS RISKED
HIS LIFE TO HELP US
UNDERSTAND THIS
CREATURE.

GOTTA
GIVE HIM
THAT.

I DON'T
GOTTA
GIVE HIM
NOTHIN'.



WHO ARE YOU?

I AM...
BLOWBACK.

BLOWBACK?
BLOWBACK FROM
WHAT?

FROM
THINGS WE
REGRET. THINGS
THAT HAUNT US
FOREVER.



ROGUE,
IT LOOKS LIKE
STORM! IS IT
TRYING TO
BE HER?

WHAT? YOU'RE
IMAGINING THINGS,
KITTY. IT'S AN
ILLUSION.



NOW Y'ALL
MOVE **BACK**, SUGAH.
THIS SNAKE COULD
BE COILIN' TO
STRIKE.

BLOWBACK, HUH?
YOU MAKE ONE FALSE
MOVE AND AH'LL BLOW
YOU BACK ALL RIGHT.
RIGHT BACK INTO
ORBIT.

ROGUE, STOP
IT. CAN'T YOU SEE
HOW CONFUSED
IT IS?



SNAKE IN
THE GRASS. AH
SEE THAT
MUCH.

LOOK WHAT
I FOUND. A PIECE
OF **NEOTEK**.

THAT'S THE
REAL SNAKE IN
THE GRASS. GIVE
ME THAT.



IT
STINKS.

IT
WORKS. TRAVIS
IS ABOUT TO CLOSE
ON A MULTIMILLION-
DOLLAR DEAL. WELL,
UNLESS **MYSTIQUE**
STEALS IT FIRST.

PROFESSOR X
FILLED ME IN ON
THAT. **MYSTIQUE**.
ANOTHER
SNAKE.



THE MONSTER'S
BEAT AS A HOUND
AFTER THE HUNT.

AH DON'T
THINK IT'LL
HURT ME TOO
MUCH TO
TOUCH IT.

MAYBE IF
AH TOUCH IT
REAL GENTLE,
REAL FAST...

...JUST GET A
PEEK INTO ITS
MEMORIES...

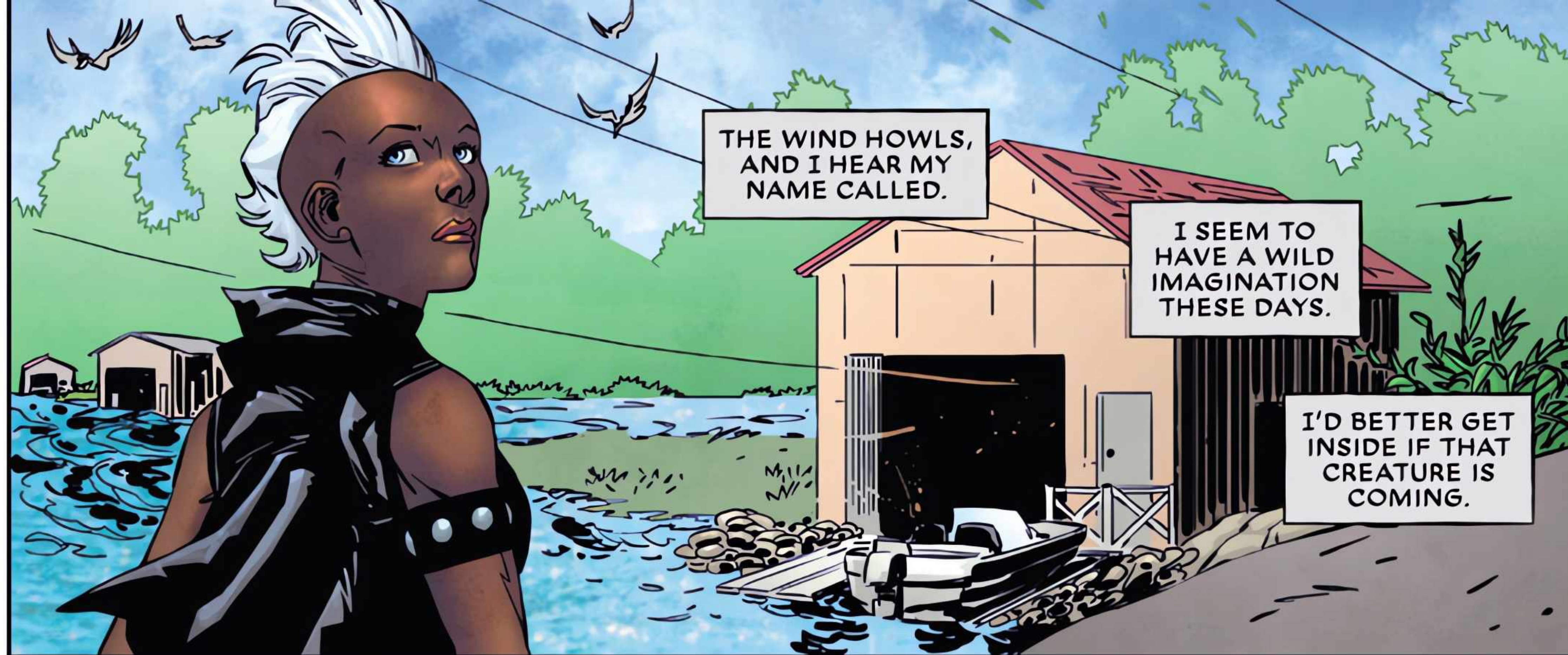


OH NO. NO
NO NO NO NO.
HOW'S THAT
POSSIBLE?

IT CAN'T
BE. **STORM!** IT
IS **STORM--!**



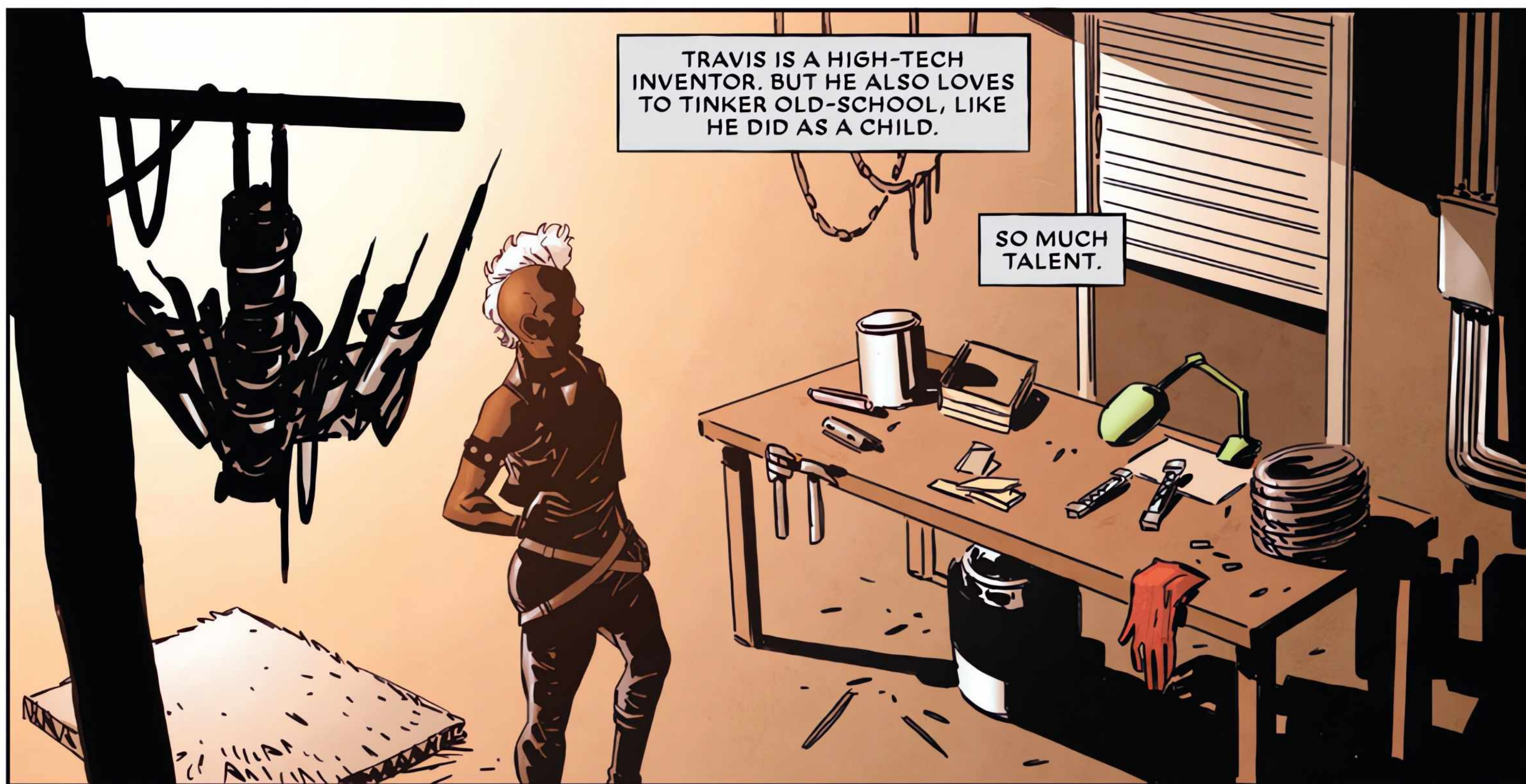
OOF!



THE WIND HOWLS,
AND I HEAR MY
NAME CALLED.

I SEEM TO
HAVE A WILD
IMAGINATION
THESE DAYS.

I'D BETTER GET
INSIDE IF THAT
CREATURE IS
COMING.



TRAVIS IS A HIGH-TECH
INVENTOR. BUT HE ALSO LOVES
TO TINKER OLD-SCHOOL, LIKE
HE DID AS A CHILD.

SO MUCH
TALENT.



STORM?

YOUR
X-MEN FAMILY
BEAT BACK THE
ENTITY.



YOU'RE *SAFE*.
I COLLECTED ITS
DATA. WE CAN TEST
IT ON YOU. FIND OUT
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOUR
POWERS.

AND I JUST
CLOSED ON THE
NEOTEK SALE.
WE'RE RICH.

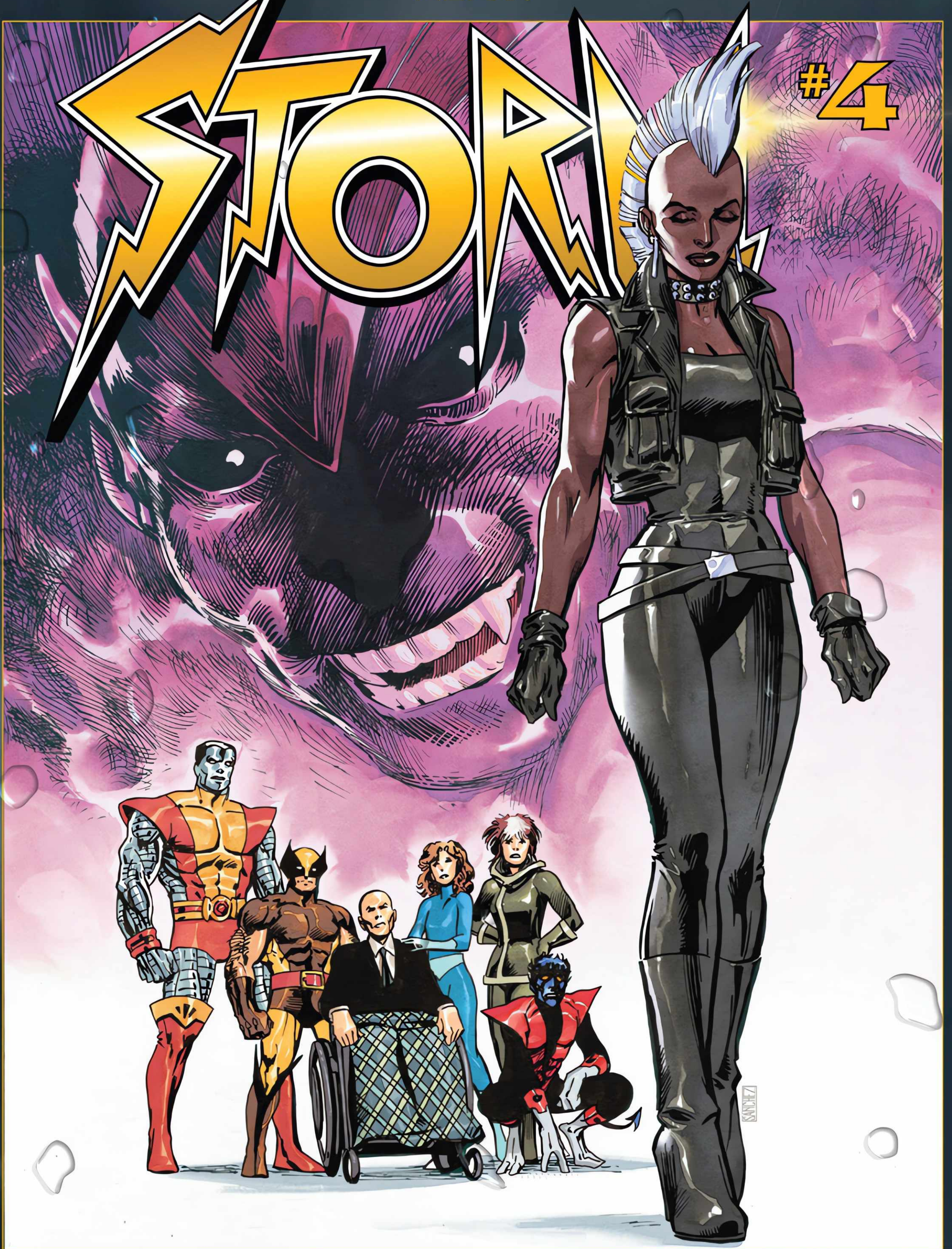
WE?

YES,
WE. I WAS
THINKING...

WOULD
YOU FLY
AWAY WITH
ME?

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